

REMARKS

Claims 1, 3-5, 7 and 8 are pending in the present application. Claims 1 and 5 are herein amended. Claims 2 and 6 are herein canceled. No new matter has been entered.

Claims 1 and 5 are amended pursuant to statements by the Examiner suggesting amendments that would put the claims in condition for allowance. (See the Office Action dated August 1, 2005, page 4 and the Interview Summary dated September 28, 2005).

Claims 1 and 5 are amended to change the range of the crystal orientation ratio $I_{(200)}/I_{(111)}$ to “not less than 113 and not more than 250.”

In the Office Action dated August 1, 2005, the Examiner stated:

It is noted...that since there is sufficient factual data showing unexpectedly improved results for crystal ratios beginning at “113”, claims requiring a crystal orientation ratio $I_{(200)}/I_{(111)}$ of not less than “113 and not more than 250” would be allowable in view of the data in applicant’s disclosure.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants’ undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116

If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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